The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, May 4, 1727.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, April 27.

Continuation of the Siege of Gibraltar.

IN the Night between the 31ſt of March and 1ſt of April, Lt. General Don Francis Ribadeo, Maj. Gen. Don Rodrigo de Peralta, and Brig. Don Antonio d'Affitto, mounted the Trenches, with the Colls. D. Francis Richeri and D. Peter Sherlock, and the other neceſſary Officers and Number of Troops and Workmen. They work'd to perfect the Parallel, which leads from the Battery near the Gallows to that commanded by Don John Mayora, and to repair the Damage that the Rain had done to the Communications, and to go on with the Building of the Batteries. Twelve Companies of Grenadiers, under the Command of D. Luke Patinho, Brigadier General, were poſted to execute, together with a Troop of Garabineers, and one hundred other Horſe, the Orders that were given them in Caſe the Gariſon ſhould have made a Sally. This Day we had 12 Soldiers and Workmen killed and 17 wounded.

In the Night between the 1ſt and 2d of April, the Trenches were relieved by the Count de Glimes Lt. Gen. the Count de Sweveghem, Major Gen. Don Francis Carryl, Brigadier, Don Francis de Mota and John Clete Vander Veken Colonels, and other Officers: with the ſame Number of Troops and Workmen as the Day before. They work'd on the Batteries, and to repair that of Don Francis Balbazor, and on the Communications and Poſts of Trenches that had been damaged. This Day we had 14 wounded and 5 killed.

In the Night between the 2d and 3d the Count de Montemar Lt. Gen. relieved the Trenches, with Don Jerome de Solis, Major Gen. D. John Baptiſt Gages Brigadier, D. Lewis Mahoni, and Don Joſeph de Smet, Colonels, and the uſual Number of Officers, with the like Number of Troops and Workmen as the preceeding Day. They work'd on the Conſtruction of the Batteries, and to repair the Ruins of the Communications, and thoſe of the Trenches cauſed by the continual Rains, and by the high Winds that we have had for three Days paſt, and that have conſiderably hinder'd the Advance of the Works: And notwithſtanding the great Fire which the Beſieged made without ceaſing, we had this Day only 4 killed and 5 wounded.

Cadiz, April 9. Since the Retreat of the Moors from the Siege of this Place, we have deſtroyed all their Trenches and other Works; and 'tis ſaid Orders are expected from Court to enlarge the Fortifications and Territories of this Town. We have Advice from Fez, that the Siege of this Place was to be again undertaken with 20,000 Men.

Paris, May 2. The King has this Week held 3 Councils, one Day after another. Yeſterday Mr. Fonſeca Miniſter of the Emperor, had Audience of the King upon the Contents of ſome Diſpatches he lately received from his Court. All Things are ready here for the Soldiers taking the Field upon the firſt Command.

London, April 27. Laſt Night his Majeſty in Perſon ſtood Godfather to a new born Son of his Excellency General Diemer, Miniſter of the Landgrave of Heſſe-Caſſel, at his Excellency's Houſe in Groſvenor Street.

Yeſterday ſailed from the River the Elliot, Capt. John Goddard, with Recruits and Cloathing for a Regiment in Portmahon. New Cloaths, &c. for the other Regiment in Minorca, are ready for ſhipping.

Steyning in Suſſex, April 24. This Day came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for this Borough, in room of the late worthy the Marquis of Carnarvon deceaſed: when Collonel William Stanhope, late his Majeſty's Ambaſſador at the Court of Madrid, was unanimouſly choſen. An Expreſs was ſent to London to acquaint him thereof.

From the Flying Poſt, April 27.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, April 28. N. S.

Though all Things here ſeem tending towards Peace, yet 'tis certain we ought not to look upon it ſo near at Hand, that it ſhould take Place without any Delay; for 'tis plain, however inclinable the Court of Vienna may be, to accommodate Matters in an amicable Manner at laſt, they find the Sweet ſo much at Preſent of the Subſidies from

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Madrid, that is not to be ſuppoſed but they'll endeavour to keep the Breach from cloſing while they can get ſo conſiderably by it, Money being what the Imperialiſts want more perhaps than any Power in Europe; and it is believed here, that if the Allies of Hanover could but pitch upon any Thing in favour of the Emperor, that might be an Equivalent to the Penſion that is paid by Spain, none would appear warmer for Peace than the Imperial Court themſelves: The Report ſpread of the Emperor's making Propoſals for an Accommodation to our Court and the Dutch, excluſive of Great Britain, does not meet with full Credit here; for tho' 'tis certain, they did endeavour to bring his Majeſty off from his Engagements with the Hanover Allies, yet 'tis not probable they ſhould make the ſame Attempt in Holland; they have nothing to offer to the Dutch that can be equal to the Advantages they receive by their Alliances with the Britiſh Nation.

From the Daily Journal, April 27.

Naples, April 8. The Pope was no ſooner arrived at Benevento, but his Holineſs went immediately to the Archiepiſcopal Church, where he catechiſed the Children.

Francfort, April 24. The Imperial Troops to the Number of 8000, are arriv'd in the Neighbourhood of Oppenheim, where they have received Orders to halt for a while; and 5000 Men which the Elector Palatine furniſhes the Emperor, are now ready to join them; but 'tis aſſured they are not to march to the Auſtrian Netherlands.

Briſtol, April 22. A great many Sailors have been impreſſed laſt Week.

Portſmouth, April 24. The Succeſs Store ſhip for Gibraltar, came Yeſterday to Spithead; and will ſtay here for a Convoy.

From the Evening Poſt, April 27.

Genoa, April 13. The Duke of Liria, Ambaſſador of Spain to the Court of Ruſſia, landed here this Day, and deſigns to proceed within 5 or 6 Days to Milan and Parma, and to the Courts of Vienna, Poland and Ruſſia.

Gibraltar, March 29. Our Billander of 8 Guns, which carried ſeveral Paſſengers to Tangiers, had no ſooner landed them there, but was obliged to ſail away, without being permitted to take in a Cargo of Proviſions.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 29.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland.

THE Bill for preventing Dying Trade farther Enacts, That all Perſons occupying Frauds and Abuſes in the City of London, or ten Miles Compaſs of the ſame, ſhall be Subject to the Inſpection of the Company, and that out of the ſaid Limits, the Juſtices of the Peace at the General Quarter Seſſions, may appoint Searchers with ſuch Powers as the Bill ſets furth: And if any Perſon ſhall oppoſe, hinder or refuſe ſuch Search, they ſhall forfeit ten Pounds.

Yeſterday the Lords referred the farther Conſideration of the above Bill, as alſo for better regulating the Woollen Manufactories till Monday, to which Time their Lordſhips adjourned.

The Commons read the firſt Time the Bill for raiſing 370,000 on the Surplus of the Duty of Coals.

Notwithſtanding of the great Expence on Sea and Land Armaments, and the far advance of the Seaſon for venturing on a vigorous Oppoſition to the Meaſures of a new Alliance betwixt the Emperor and the King of Spain, yet we are ſtill not able to judge whether there will be War or Peace, there being yet no Confirmation of what was mentioned ſome Time ago, in Relation to the Emperor's agreeing to the Propoſals of the Allies of Hanover: Nor can we learn that he has ſhewn any Concern for the Inſolent Behaviour of Baron Palme, late Imperial Reſident, towards his Britiſh Majeſty; but on the other Hand, we are told that on the 11th Inſt. a Grand Council was held at Vienna, wherein the *Memorial* left by M. St. Saphorin the Hanoverian Miniſter, was voted injurious to the Dignity of the Emperor: And that ſome of the laſt Mails from Holland, brought over a Paper from Bruſſels, intituled, *The Dangers and Wars to be feared, if Europe is not ſo wiſe as to checque the ambitious Deſigns of England*; containing very great Reflections on his Majeſty and his Miniſtry.

Letters from Paris by the Holland Mail juſt arrived, dated the 2d of May N. S. ſay that they do not poſitively know whether there ſhall be War or Peace, till they have the Emperor's final Anſwer to the Propoſals of the Hanover Allies; which are in Subſtance, That there ſhall be a Suſpenſion of the Oſtend Company's Charter, and of all Commerce to the Indies, and all Things elſe re-

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gulated, agreeable to the Treaties of Utrecht, Baden, and the Quadruple Alliance.

'Tis said repeated Orders are given by his most Christian Majesty, to get every Thing ready for the Army to take Field; and if a War cannot be avoided with the Emperor, it is thought that the greatest Blow will be given in Italy.

It is not known into which Treaty the King of Sardinia will enter.

Mean Time it is remarked, that the Differences between his Majesty and the Republick of Genoa are made up; and that too by the Mediation of the Emperor.

We should have told that the Lords Yesterday heard the Cause of Mr. Orlebar, Mr. Plaxtoun and Mr. Conovoy, being an Appeal from an Order of the Court of Chancery on the 5th of July last, subjecting the said Orlebar to be examined upon Interrogatories touching Matters transacted by his Father, late one of the Masters of the said Court. And the order complained of was affirmed.

This Day the Commons ordered a Bill to be brought in for encouraging the Importation of Cocheel in any Ship from any Nation.

And read a 2d Time and committed for Monday, the Bill for raising 370,000 L. upon the Surplus of the Coal Duty as above mentioned.

The Bill for improving the Fishery, and such other Manufactories in Scotland, as might conduce to the general Good of the United Kingdoms, Enacts, That his Majesty establish a particular Plan, and fix proper Rules, whereof the Funds already provided may be distributed according to the 15th Article of the Treaty of Union, which allows 2000 L. per Annum for 7 Years, towards promoting the foresaid Manufactures.

The Baltick Squadron has Orders to sail with the first fair Wind.

From the Supplement to the Amsterd. Gazette, May 2.

St. Petersburg, April 16. They begin to talk afresh of our Naval Armament, which will consist of 46 Ships of the Line, 23 Fregats, and 200 Galleys; on board whereof there will be 14000 Sailors. There is ordered for this Fleet, among other Things, 35000 Oxen, 6000 Swine, 13000 Tons of Beer, 900 Hogsheads of Aquavitæ, and Biscuit for 4 Months. The Foreign Sailors are to have 6 Rubles a Month, as well in Winter as Summer; and the National ones are to have three.

Francfort, May 1. Two Companies of the German Regiment of Dragoons of Rabutin, went Yesterday thro' this City, in order to join the Imperial Troops in the Neighbourhood of Mayence.

Cologn, May 2. The Elector of Cologn is on his Departure for Munich. They continue to make Magazines at Mayence, Coblentz, Cologn and Dusseldorp.

Warsaw, April 23. The Differences that lately have arisen between this Court and that of Prussia, have been amicably adjusted; and Mr. Wieband, the new Minister of his Prussian Majesty, has been admitted to an Audience of the King.

Vienna, April 23. Count Kinski having returned hither, and given Account of his Negociations, our Court is endeavouring to find out other Expedients for removing the Difficulties of the Affair of Bergen and Juliers.

From the St. James's Evening Post, April 29.

Vienna, April 16. Thursday last the Emperor took the Diversion of hunting the wild Boar in the Neighbourhood of Eberstorff. The same Evening a Grand Council was held at the Palace of the Favorita; Prince Eugene was then present, and perused the Memorial left by Mr. de St. Saphorin the British Minister; and after the same had been twice read before the Council, it was voted injurious to the Dignity of the Emperor. A Courier arrived here Yesterday from Count Coningseck at Madrid, with some Dispatches of Importance; and 'tis given out, that there is contained therein a Letter from his Catholick Majesty to the Emperor, wherein he promises great Matters; takes notice of the Value he has for his Imperial Majesty and his Ministry; and that the whole Sum stipulate by the late Treaty should be forthwith remitted, tho' his Majesty's Occasions required large Sums, as well to build his Ships of War, as to carry on the Siege of Gibraltar, &c.

From the Weekly Journal, April 29.

They write from Brussels, That several Expresses daily arrived there from Vienna, and that the Court of the Archdutchess seem'd highly pleased at the Contents; but that nothing more was published, but in general, That these Expresses brought very agreeable News, which 'twould not be convenient to make known as yet. However that be,

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'tis certain the Stock of the Ostend Company rises, tho' we are told at the same time, that the Proposals made by the Emperor for an Accommodation, were rejected by the Allies of Hanover, as well as those made by the Allies of Hanover had been rejected by the Emperor.

Our Advices from Vienna take notice, that there was a Discourse there, as if there would be shortly a Change of Dominions 'twixt two Princes, which would please One of the Allies of Hanover, but not prove very agreeable to the rest.

Some Advices from Lisbon dated the 20th of April N. S. advise, That the Garrison of Gibraltar had made a Sally with good Success, and had cut off a great Number of the Besiegers.

The Accounts published by Authority in Madrid, differ something from what we have above, and speak a sort of Language which we don't care to repete. We have received a Journal of the Siege to the 15th, which takes notice of some Damage done the Works by Rains, but shew a favourable Account of their Affairs in all other Respects. We cannot give it at large now.

The King of Spain has shewed so much Resentment against the English, that an Order was come to Malaga, requiring all of this Nation to depart thence in 15 Days; and 'twas believed that Order would extend to the whole Kingdom of Spain, excepting only the Town of Gibraltar.

London, *April* 29. Sir Robert Walpole is in a very bad Way.

Mr. Campbell of Munzie is made one of the Lords of Session in Scotland, in room of the Lord Forglen deceased.

They pretend again to have News at Cork in Ireland, of two successful Salleys made by the Garrison of Gibraltar: But their former Accounts proving such empty Reports, shews how little Weight this *Cork* Intelligence should have here.

Edinburgh, *May* 4. This Forenoon the General Assembly sate down.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†§† That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held Yesterday, did unanimously agree to raise a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock; and did order the same to be paid in to their Treasurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

¶†¶ That such as are Subscribers for Sir GEORGE MACKENZIE's WORKS, or the COLLECTIONS OF CONFESSIONS, do call at Thomas Heriot Bookseller in the Parliament Close for their Copies, betwixt and Whitsunday next, otherwise to be liable for Shop-rent.

¶ There is to be sold by voluntar Roup upon the 15th of June next, in the House of William Dick Vintner in Edinburgh, at Three after Noon, the Lands of NEW-GRANGE (some prior Acres) and POLDUFF, lying in the Shire of Fife near to St. Andrews, of free Rent, 97 Bolls 3 Firlots Bear, 15 Bolls, 3 Firlots, 2 Pecks Oats, 221 L. 6 sh. 8d. of Money, and 40 Hens. Any who incline to purchase, may inquire for Mr. Alison Writer to the Signet at his Chamber in Carrubber's Close, where they may be satisfied as to the Rental and Progress.

¶§¶ There is a fine large Milk Ass of a good Kind, new Colted, to be sold at a reasonable Price. Enquire at the Keeper of John's Coffeehouse, who will inform of the Owners Name, and where the Ass and Colt may be seen.

†*† To be Lett for the Space of Ten Years, some Parks at STOBS, (in the Parish of Temple) seven Miles from Edinburgh, consisting of about 200 Acres of Ground, 'most all inclosed with Stone Dykes, the Parks well watered, and good Beild. Any who has a-mind to take them, may be further informed by Capt. Alexander Burnet at his Lodgings in Bristo, Commissar Hamilton's Land.

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N. B. The first Quarter of the Eighth Year commenced the 25th past: Therefore the Author expects the bygone Arrears will be sent up, together with the current Quarter, as they expect to be punctually served.